

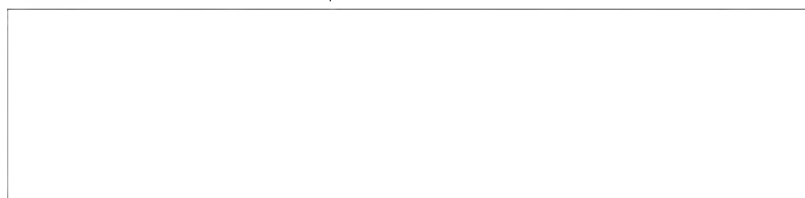
THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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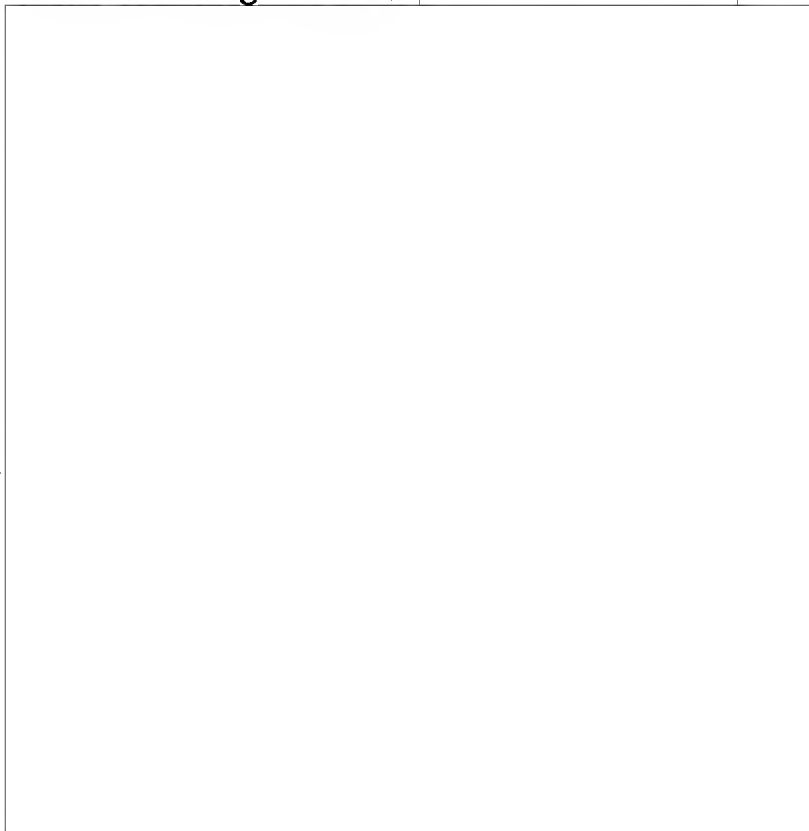
1. Yemen

a. Skirmishing between republican and loyalist forces over the weekend has not altered the situation very much.



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c. Help from the outside to both sides goes on.



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2. Saudi Arabia -
Jordan



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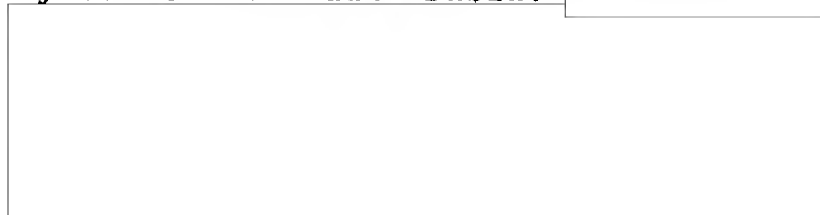
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b. [redacted] a group of Saudi princes, anxious to pre-empt the field before pro-Nasirites make a try at taking over, are laying plans to force Saud to abdicate in favor of Faysal. Saud may have unwittingly set the stage for just such a move when he cabled Faysal on Saturday to return home for consultations.

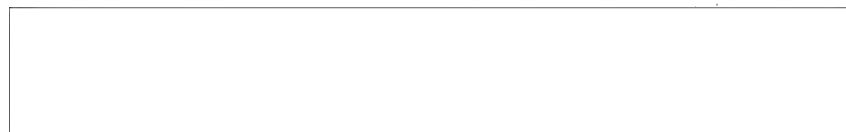
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c. King Husayn is also worried by events in Saudi Arabia. [redacted]

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3. Laos



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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Vongvichit re-
jected the national assembly's
action giving Souvanna full powers
for a year [REDACTED]

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d. Pathet Lao forces have
taken advantage of the intramural
neutralist squabble in Phong Saly
province to move into areas from
which they had previously been
excluded. [REDACTED]

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4. Sino-Indian
border

a. There has apparently been
no fighting on the border since
Wednesday. With both sides steadily
beefing up their forces in the area,
more skirmishing seems inevitable.

b. The Indians seem to have had the best of it so far, thanks perhaps to surprise. [REDACTED]

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c. The Indians recently discovered that the Chinese have built a road to within six miles of the combat area, which puts them in considerably better shape to receive supplies and reinforcements. [REDACTED]

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5. Congo

a. Tshombé gave more ground yesterday in agreeing to sign a ceasefire with Leopoldville and to let his men swear allegiance to the central government. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] follow through may depend on Adoula producing an amnesty for Katangans.

b. UN Representative Gardiner now feels Adoula is more unmanageable than Tshombé. He does not expect an enthusiastic reaction from Tshombé when he is confronted with the new highly-centralized constitution which Adoula is trying to ram down his throat.

c. Leopoldville this morning announced the restoration of diplomatic relations with Ghana after a two-year hiatus.

6. Venezuela

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a. It now looks as though President Betancourt has carried the day for his plan to strip certain terrorist-connected congressmen of their immunity as a preliminary to tossing them into jail.

b. [] the cabinet was with him and Supreme Court approval seemed assured. His Social Christian coalition partners were also expressing willingness to go along, provided he refrained from outlawing outright the Communist Party and the Movement of the Revolutionary Left.

7. Brazil

a. Election results are still too inconclusive to draw any conclusions on a national scale. There do not, however, appear to have been any startling trends in any direction.

b. In what is probably the most important race, the conservative has a slight lead over his pro-Communist opponent for governor of Pernambuco (northeast) but may well lose it in later returns.

NOTES

A. USSR

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B. USSR

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C. Portugal

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D. North Borneo

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E. Cuba

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F. United Nations

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